(c) whether these plant products have also been tested against insects/pests in human and plant diseases and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether there are plans for exploitation of these plant products and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) Yes, Sir. The names of books are (i) Wealth of India a documentary of Indian raw-materials (1976) (ii) Useful Plants of India (1986) (iii) The Glossary of Indian Medicinal Plants (1956) and its Supplement (1969) (iv) Medicinal and Aromatic Plants Abstracts.

(b) Many of the plant products have been tested against common human diseases under controlled clinical trials e.g. Sallai guggal (Extract of Sallai guggal has been found effective against rheumatic arthritis, a cervical dilator from isapgol seed husk has been found effective for dilation of cervix prior to medical termination of pregnancy, also a lipid lowering agent guggulipid from guggul resin, have been tested and found effective.

(c) Yes, Sir. Some of them have been tested against plant diseases (i) acurous calamous-a chemical compound isolated from this, is being used as a larvicide (ii) Adhatoda vasaka a compound from this plant known as 'Basicinon' reduces eggs laying and hatching this reducing insect population. plyophorine isolated from plant tilophore indica and ethoyl malmade from echinops echinatus showed inceedants activities.

(d) Yes, Sir. Plans for commercialisation of neem oil as pesticidal compound will be taken after evaluation at the first commercial plant. Sallai guggul is now being used as a drug and is being marketed. Acurous calamous is being used by rural folk for gain protection. Guggulipid is being used as a lipid lowering agent and tris drug is also being marketed.

Growth target in 7th Five Year Plan

2151. SHRI SHARAD YADAV: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether growth target was achieved in Seventh Five Year Plan;

(b) if so, what was the target together with the details of target achieved; and

(c) if the answer to part (a) above is in negative what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF PLANNING AND THE MINISTER OF PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI): (a) and (b) The targetted growth rate for the Seventh Five Year Plan is 5 per cent per annum. As per the estimates released by the Central Statistical Organisation (CSO) the growth rate of GDP at factor cost was 4.8 per cent in 1985--86 and 4.0 per cent in 1986-87. The tentative estimates for 1987-88 are placed between 2.5 per cent and 3.0 per cent. Taking into account the current indications of performance during 1988-89 and expectation of a near normal weather in the subsequent year, it is expected that on an average a growth rate of 5 per cent per annum will be achieved during the Seventh Plan Period.

(c) Does not arise.

Development of Electronics Industry in Orissa

2152. SHRI BASUDEB MOHAPATRA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of the scheme undertaken by Government to develop electronic industry in Orissa;

(b) what is the total amount earmarked for the purpose during last three years and the amount spent for the purpose during the same period: and

(c) the number of units which have come up so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) and (b) The State Governments endeavour to create climate conducive to set up electronic industry in the State, Department of Electronics gives necessary guidance whenever required. The progressive licensing policies followed by Government are applicable to Orissa also. Orissa Electronics Development Corp. is engaged in promotion of electronics industry in Orissa State.

It is proposed to set up a Software Technology Park at Bhubaneswar, detail of which including the cost are being worked out in consultation with Government of Orissa.

Department of Electronics under its Standardization Testing and Quality Control (STOC) programme has so far given Rs. 15 lakhs to Electronics Test and Development Centre, Bhubaneswar which provides test and Calibration facilities to small and medium scale electronic industry in the region.

With a view to upgrading the technology of the indigenous electronic equipment, Department of Electronics, Government of India has decided in principle to set up a LSI/VLSI Design Centre at Bhubaneswar at a cost of Rs. 1 crore approximately.

(c) Industrial licences have been issued to 11 units and Letters of Intent (LOIs) to 29 units for manufacture of electronic items

National Missile test range at Baliapal

2153. SHRI TALARI MANOHAR: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry took a decision to locate the national missile testing range at Baliapal in Orissa;

(b) whether it is a fact that this was not feasible because of the Paradip Port location;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Sriharikota has also been considered; and

(d) if so, what are the reasons for not locating the same at Sriharikota?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The Expert Committee had examined this site in detail from all aspects and had not found it suitable for setting up the National Range.

AIDS Carriers

2154. SHRI SURENDRA SINGH THAKUR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have identified possible carriers of AIDS from social groups in India; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) and (b) Government have identified certain categories of persons belonging to high risk group namely (i) romosexuala, (ii) prostitutes, (iii) drug addicts and (iv) haemophilics who required repeated